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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 30, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TED POE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN BOEHNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, we give You thanks for giving us another day. We ask Your special blessing upon the Members of this people's House. As so many Americans have communicated to them this past week, there is great concern for our future.

Give all Members wisdom, patience, discernment, and courage to use the information they have, the broader understanding of the national concerns, and the responsibility they have been given to lead this Nation into a balanced and secure future.

Grant a double portion of a great profit's spirit. Bless them, O God, and be with them and with us all this day and every day to come. May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PAULSEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PAULSEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side.

RANDY'S RUN 5K—REMEMBERING MAJOR VOAS

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, last weekend in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, I had the privilege of attending the second annual Randy's Run, which is a 5K race that is run in Eden Prairie in remembrance of U.S. Air Force Major

Randy Voas, who lost his life while serving our country a year and a half ago when his CV-22 Osprey helicopter tragically went down in Afghanistan.

Now his family and friends have found a way to honor his life and sacrifice through an annual event that is now used to raise funds for a college scholarship awarded to students at Eden Prairie High School, where Randy graduated from in 1985.

In addition to this scholarship, Randy's Run seeks to increase awareness of the contributions our men and women in uniform make every day to keep America free.

Major Voas may not be with us, but his spirit does live on in the memories of his friends and family and community and through the scholarships for local high school students who share his values.

STANDARD & POOR'S OWN RATING

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. As Congress struggles to come up with this deal over government debt, we all know that all we have to do is raise the debt ceiling and that the chaos the country is being thrown into is not necessary. Simple: raise the debt ceiling, protect the credit of the U.S., and then debate how to cut our debt afterwards.

We're trapped in a debate where there's another game going on over our heads, and that game involves the rating services, in particular, Standard & Poor's.

Rating agencies help put the U.S. economy in the dumper in 2008. Dodd-Frank was the first effort to hold rating agencies accountable when, in fact, they should have been subject to civil fraud charges as well as revocation of their license at the SEC.

Just a few months after Dodd-Frank passed, Standard & Poor's strikes back

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